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North Dakota Department of Health schedules news conference to highlight the importance of flu shots to protect against influenza

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will hold a news conference to highlight the importance of receiving a flu vaccine and to answer questions about influenza and the vaccine. The event will be held Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health.

At the news conference, Michelle Feist, a health department employee who is 7 months pregnant, will talk about the importance of being vaccinated to prevent illness. She will be vaccinated during the news conference along with Wren Vanderbusch, a 1-year-old child.

The following health officials also will participate in the news conference:

- Amy Schwartz, Immunization Surveillance Coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health
- Jill Baber, Influenza Surveillance Coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health
- Naomi Friesz, Public Health Nurse, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

Members of the media who wish to attend in person can meet at Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health located at 500 E. Front Ave in Bismarck. Members of the media wishing to connect to the news conference by phone may dial 866.637.9769. If you have trouble connecting, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.2378.

For more information about the event, contact Amy Schwartz or Jill Baber, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2378.

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